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TURNER was a private, too.

THE *Courier* says the Norton county corn crop is booming.

A LARGE force of bricklayers, the *Courier* says, is at work in Norton.

FOR a number of reasons which are patent to our older readers, the stock ranch is on the decline.

ALL portions of Kansas seem to have received midsummer rains in time to make pretty good crops.

IN the matter of seasonable rainfall, Kansas seems to have changed ends this summer. The western end, for the first time, has led the eastern end.

GENERAL LOGAN is said to be the hardest-working man in the U. S. senate. This is the kind of a man the World delights in supporting for president in 1888.

THE *Mankato Monitor*, which is published in Hon. David Heron's home town, says but little about congressional matters in this district, and winds up with the observation that when the roll is called at the convention in 1888, Jewell county will answer, "Twelve votes for David Heron." This will be all right if some of the boys up there don't forget that the canvass of 1886 comes first!

THE *Manhattan Nationalist* is generally well posted regarding the character of Kansas men. It shows a lameness in one clear case, however, when it expresses its doubt whether Turner will be an improvement on Hanback as a congressman. That paper should have learned enough of Hanback's personal habits within the past two years to make it proof against an error of judgment of this nature.

LAST Saturday night, at 10:30, the large six-story brick building in St. Louis, occupied by the extensively-known Simmons Hardware Company, fell. It seems that not one of the large force of employees happened to be in the building at the time of the crash. The building had always been considered safe. As we had occasion to state a few weeks ago, in connection with his visit to this place, a brother of County Clerk Dann is the treasurer of this hardware company.

THE men who banked on the Fort Dodge military reservation being opened to settlement at an early day, and took claims thereon, have won. That portion of it, excepting the school section, falling within the country known as the Osage Trust lands, which, with the remainder of the reserve, about 12,000 acres, without said country, was placed by the president under the control of the secretary of the interior on January 12, 1885, is open to entry under the law governing the disposal of Osage lands.

N. B. KLAINE, of the Dodge City Times, seems to derive a good deal of comfort from his nomination on the Prohibition ticket as secretary of state. It may be that in the matter of adopting stringent temperance measures, the Prohibition party of Kansas would outdo the Republican party. After all, the Republican party in this state is the only practical Prohibition party. Not the least of the many good reasons for staying with the Republican party is the fact that, unlike the St. John Prohibition party, it stands opposed to turning the destinies of the state over to the liquor Democratic party!

WOULD BE SLAVES. The Prohibitionists were more just to the colored man than the Republicans. The latter defeated McCabe for auditor; the former nominated G. H. Langston. Without the colored vote the Republican party would be as sounding brass and tinkling cymbals. Without the Republican party, the colored voters would yet be slaves!

IN HARNESST. Within the next five years it would not be surprising to see Tennessee go Republican. If the Bourbons will permit, Tennessee can readily be placed in the Republican column. All the indications point in that direction. But there are Democratic leaders now in this city who firmly declare that Mississippi methods shall be employed, if necessary, to hold on to Tennessee. They mean just what they say. Well, if they don't mean it, nothing ever was meant.

6TH DISTRICT RESOLUTIONS.

The Republican convention at Stockton adopted these ringing resolutions:

We, the Republicans of the 6th congressional district of the state of Kansas, in convention assembled, again renew our pledges of faith in the party whose years of existence are marked and traced by the mile posts of progress and usefulness, and whose path is lit by the glory of duty well performed; we most heartily endorse the platform adopted, July 9th, at Topeka, and hereby adopt every line and sentiment as our own.

Although a Democratic congress and president may pass and sign a bill for the relief of Fitz John Porter, yet that will never convince the loyal people of our country that Porter was not a traitor to his cause, and to vent a personal spite against his superior officer was willing to lend his aid to a defeat of our army, and that to the said Porter is traceable directly the blood of our gallant fallen, which will forever "cry out" against the deep damnation of their taking off.

That it is the sense of this convention that our member of congress introduce a bill in congress for the purpose of forever prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors as a beverage in the District of Columbia.

We, as representatives of a homestead country, and living monuments to the wisdom of the land laws, passed by the Republican party over the active opposition of the Democratic party, hereby record our condemnation of the paid system of Commissioner Sparks, who has sent men among our people, who, upon hearsay evidence and rumors, have suspended and canceled entries of land of homesteaders whose word is of more value than the oath of the said hiring spies; we believe that the vexatious and dishonest rulings of the said Sparks are not from the motive claimed, but from a well-defined and deeply-laid plan to harass and embarrass the people of Republican states and territories; and we demand of the said Sparks that he call off the dogs of war before the avenging arm of God calls him home where Democratic land commissioners are unknown.

THE CLOSING SCENE.

The closing scene of the late congressional convention at Stockton is thus described by a Topeka paper:

"Eli" Turner returned from Stockton and reports his district with a "bigger Republican majority than ever." In speaking of his nomination, Mr. Turner said that it was made possible for any one to be nominated only by the forces of McFall, Turner and Young forming a combination after the delegates were pretty well worn out, and announcing the fact openly, and forcing the Hanback delegates to make the break inevitable. This was done, and all the combination delegates were to vote first for McFall two ballots, Turner two ballots, and then for Young two ballots. The first and second ballot for McFall each time nearly nominated him. But it was necessary to gain three from some other source, which was done by Ellsworth county coming to Turner on the fourth combination ballot, and Turner's last, which nominated him by a handsome majority, which was immediately made unanimous, seconded by Webb McFall.

THE FACT.

The Lincoln Democrat, in reviewing the resolution of the sixth congressional district Republicans regarding the Porter case, says:

The fact is, the Fitz John Porter case is one on which men may honestly differ, and the use that Republican politicians are trying to make of it is shameful demagoguery.

Now, the fact is, the Democrat is guilty of the unmitigated reflection, that a commanding officer can be disobeyed with impunity. It is not questioned that Porter disobeyed Pope. Among people who believe in strict military discipline as a necessity, it is not questioned that he ought to have been executed for doing so. When to Porter's disobedience of orders in the face of the enemy the spectacle of hundreds of dead Union soldiers arise to attest the result of his treachery, "shameful demagoguery" simply means an attachment to the principles of loyalty. This is just where the Republicans who composed the Stockton convention are ready to be located every day in the year.

6TH DISTRICT CON. COM.

The texture of the new Republican central committee for this congressional district is thus made plain in the *Russell Record*, whose capable editor, Mr. J. H. Franklin, was chairman of the Stockton convention. The compliment, as far as we are concerned, is entirely in the nature of a surprise:

Judge Holt moved that there be four central committeemen at large, one from each judicial district, the chairman of the convention to be the member from the district (14th) in which he resides, and the others to be appointed by the chair. The motion was carried, and the chair appointed Joel Holt, of Beloit; L. C. Smith, of Stockton, and W. S. Tilton, of Wa-Keeney. The committee is constituted as follows:

AT LARGE.
J. H. Franklin, Russell.
L. C. Smith, Stockton.
Joel Holt, Beloit.
W. S. Tilton, Wa-Keeney.

Decatur county, C. E. Chandler.
Ellis " Frank Hopkins.
Ellsworth " Leo Herzog.
Graham " H. J. Harvi.
Lincoln " C. B. Daughters.
Jewell " H. Van Tilborg.
Norton " F. M. Duvall.
Mitchell " C. H. Hawkins.
Osborne " A. Saxe.
Rawlins " W. H. Dimmick.
Phillips " C. A. Lewis.
Russell " H. L. Peetana.
Sheridan " W. H. Ward.
Smith " L. C. Headley.
Seymour " A. M. Brenneman.
St. John " J. H. Tait.
Thomas " John A. Goodier.
Gove " J. B. McClanahan.
Wallace " H. A. Clark.
Trego " C. C. Woods.
" W. C. Olson.

GONE TO FRISCO.

Senator Logan left yesterday for San Francisco to attend the Grand Army encampment. He will be the guest of Gov. Alger, of Michigan, during the trip.

All the nominations pending in the senate in which the general is interested will be hung up, and adjournment will take place without disposing of them.

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